

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) Attorney Docket No.: ASAIN0182
Manabu TANIFUJI et al.) Confirmation No.: 1147
Serial No.: 10/598,207) Group Art Unit: 2873
Filed: August 21, 2006) Examiner: Kim Huy MAI
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL IMAGING OF RETINAL FUNCTION) Date: April 4, 2008

COMMENTS (B) ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

MAIL STOP: ISSUE FEE
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 4, 2008, please enter the following comments regarding the application identified above as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

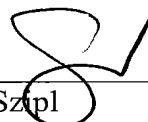
In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 4, 2008, Applicants make the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner in the Office Action of January 4, 2008, at 2, lines 1-19. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance paraphrases the language of the allowed claims. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance mischaracterize the allowed claims 1-9, Applicants object.

Nonetheless, Applicants agree that the claimed invention would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, and that no prima facie showing of anticipation or obviousness could be made in view of the prior art of record.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

GRIFFIN & SZIPL, P.C.



Joerg-Uwe Szapl
Registration No. 31,799

GRIFFIN & SZIPL, P.C.
Suite PH-1
2300 Ninth Street, South
Arlington, VA 22204

Telephone: (703) 979-5700
Facsimile: (703) 979-7429
Email: gands@szipl.com
Customer No.: 24203